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SUBJ: DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR OVERSEAS
AMERICANS

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1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR \$9,000 GRANT, AND OPTIMISTIC
THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS CAN BE RAISED LOCALLY. WE
ACCEPT LIMITATIONS ON USE OF FUNDS SPECIFIED REFTEL
EXCEPT TO POINT OUT THAT IT NOT ALWAYS PRACTICAL TO
MAKE SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF
TEEN CENTER AS MORE OR LESS "DIRECTLY RELATED TO DRUG
ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PURPOSES."

2. WE SEE PROGRAM AS HAVING TWO BROAD ASPECTS:

(1) ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE; AND (2)
TREATMENT AND COUNSELING FOR FAMILIES WHERE DRUG
PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. BOTH ASPECTS SEEM TO
US EQUALLY IMPORTANT. NEWLY ENLARGED YOUTH ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TASK
OF FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLATERAL ACTIVITIES
FOR TEEN CENTER AND FOR MORE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
PROGRAM (WITH ESTIMATED COST DATA) FOR CONSIDERATION
OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. OUR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES
OF LOCAL SUPPORT ARE OPTIMISTIC. AMBASSADOR HAS
HELD MEETING WITH A NUMBER OF TOP AMERICAN BUSINESS
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LEADERS TO SOLICIT THEIR COOPERATION BOTH IN

FORMULATING PLANS, AND IN RAISING FUNDS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED BY RESPONSE OF EXXON (LARGEST SPONSOR OF AMERICANS IN MALAYSIA) WHICH HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL GIVE SOME ASSISTANCE. FURTHERMORE, EXXON'S LAWYER HAS JUST BECOME CHAIRMAN OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (YAC).

3. EMBASSY PERSONNEL REMAINED HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM. EMBASSY WIFE IS BOTH MEMBER OF YAC AND CONCURRENTLY PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR COMMITTEE. ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER IS A MEMBER OF YAC AND DCM, WHO WORKS CLOSELY WITH YAC, IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

4. ALTHOUGH REFTTEL DID NOT SPECIFY, WE ASSUME GRANT IS FOR FY76.
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